RANDOM GRAINS WINNOWED BY "EVEN- REPLY TO HARDING'S CRITICISM ON THE IT WILL BE FOUND IN "TWENTY-TWO, ING WORLD " REPORTERS.

The Young Man and the Young Dogs Who

Got Tangled. The young man who carries two dogs under his right arm, one under his left, and who wears a fourth as a boutonniere was out in the ravishing balm of one of the late Spring-

He did not have his usual canine decora-

He did not have his usual canine decorations, or at least they were not so closely distributed about his person.

He had three infantile pugs in leash. They all managed to go in different directions at once, so the dog fancier was threading his way out of a puppy tangle most of the time. Things got worse at the corner of Twenty-third street and Broadway. On the corner was a fakir who had a new wrinkle in the shape of a toy. It was a thing on the end of a stick, which, when it was rotated, gave out a sound like a large yellow tom cat, of perfect health and imperfect morals, rollicking on an extension roof in the argent splendor of Luna's fullest disk.

He fired off the machine as the dogs that had the man in charge came tangling along.

He fired on the machine as the dogs that had the man in charge came tangling along. The youthful pugs almost started out of their skins and went in three directions at once. The amusing feature of their excitement was that they couldn't tell where the sound came from, and so whenever it struck their ears they shook all over and looked everywhere.

everywhere.

Then they would quiet down and the man would get his legs out of the strings and have them all headed nicely down the street, like charity children out for a walk.

Where'aw—ir—um—en—m!
It was another blast from the machine and the was another blast from the machine and shook the puppies all up again. Their small black eyes started out of their heads, they ran against each other, tangled the man's legs all up, braced themselves one moment and looked defiant, and then weakened and

The young man who was their mentor was glad enough when they got out of sound of the internal machine, and he could have

A Daily Explorer Among the Quaint Treasures in the Academy Vaults.

natural character of the old gentleman him-

There is hardly a morning on which Mr. Thompson is not at the Academy before 7 o'clock, roaming through the vast vaults under the building, among the scenery and properties which have been used in the sumptuous productions of grand opera in years gone by

sumptuous productions of grand opera in years gone by.

An immense quantity of relics of great value from their association with the famous people for whose use they were built are hidden away in this building, and the search for them was suggested to Mr. Thompson by the accidental uncastning of the famous swan which was made for the production of "Lohengrin" many years ago, and which cost, it is said, \$1,000.

Mr. Thompson prosecutes his search for a couple of hours, then goes upstairs to the business office to get his morning mail, which is also very extensive. He passes his time

business office to get his morning mail, which is also very extensive. He passes his time until noon reading his mail and marking his letters for his s-cretary, then goes to his hotel for dinner, which is always taken at 12 o'clock, the same as has been his custom throughout his life. In the afternoon a nap is taken, after which he drives in the Park with some of the members of his family, and at 6 o'clock supper is served.

He always appears in the best of spirits, and his jovial nature and ready sympathy for all

his jovial nature and ready sympathy for all the petty trials of those about him have warmly endeared him to all those with whom he comes in contact. The members of his company evince the most sincere affection for h.m., and the employees about the Acad-emy are ever on the watch for an opportunity to do him a service.

Merchant Tailor ' Banquet and Convention. The convention of the Merchant Tailors' National Exchange will take place at Masonic Tem-Thursday afternoon a reception will be held by Thursday afternoon a reception will be held by Col. Auchmuty at the Trade School, First avenue and Sixty-mith street, which the members of the convention will attend in a body. On the evening of the same day the annual banquet occurs at the Hotel Brunswick. As this is the first meeting of the convention in New York, Mayor Grant has promised to open it, on Tuesday, with an address of welcome. Messrs. Andrew Patterson, B. R. Merwin, D. J. Lindsay and J. S. Burbank are the Committee of Arrangements.

Explades at Odd Times.

[From the Shoe and Leather Reporter 1 "Gracious me!" said an old lady, "they're discovering new explosives all the time. I see in the paper that an officer was killed yesterday while discharging his duty."

The Probability that Jem Smith and Mitchell Will Fight-A Large Price Offered and More Wanted for Harry Wilkes-Two Amateur Pedestrians Who Want to Walk Across the Continent.

CALIFORNIA A. C. RULES.

An article recently written by W. E. Harding, Richard K. Fox's sporting editor, reflecting somewhat upon the fairness of the rules governing the California Athletic Club's pugilistic contests, where a purse is to be fought for, has created considerable comment in pugilistic circles. It has come under the eye of L. R. Fulds, President of the Club, and he has disputed Mr. Harding's statement. It was in reference to Patsy Cardiff's coming fight with Peter Jackson for a purse offered by the club and under its rules. Mr. Harding claims that Cardiff will be handicapped, because he will be compelled | The usual minstrel programme will be furnished to allow the club to select a referee, timekeepers and the gloves. Jackson being an employee of the Club and its champion, Mr. Harding thinks that Cardiff should have a Theatre Monday night in Adolphe D'Ennery's five-act romantic drama, called "Monbars." keepers. In answer to this President Fulda telegraphs here that the contestants are permitted to make these selections, but that they were seen when it was produced at the Fifth must submit them to the approval of the Club. The object of this rule, Mr. Fulda says, is to bar out persons known to be un-fair.

The probabilities are that Jem Smith, champion heavy-weight of England, and Charley Mitchell will soon box twelve rounds. Queensberry rules, to demonstrate their relative fistic merits. Smith has accepted Mitchell's challenge and also says he is willing to battle with Jake Kilrain again. Mr. Fox. speaking for Jake, says he is certain Jake is ready to meet any one. At present, though, Ki rain will attend only to his intended fight with Sullivan.

The quaintness of the character portrayed by Denman Thompson, in "The Old Homestead," is scarcely more peculiar than the natural character of the old gentleman him-

There will be a great time to-night at the opening of the Eighth Avenue Theatre Cafe, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets. Thomas Canary, the well-known horseman, has fitted up an elaborate cafe adjoining the theatre, in which he is part owner, and has prepared to entertain his friends in a most cordial way. The place will undoubtedly be a popular rendezvous for lovers of fine horseflesh and sporting men in general, besides being convenient for the in general, besides being convenient for the patrons of the theatre. The cafe is finished in hard wood, handsomely carved, and has been made very attractive.

The Sire Brothers received an offer of \$15,000 for their famous gelding. Herry Wilkes, yesterday, but refused to take less than \$20,000. The prospective buyer repre-sents an Australian syndicate. A deal may be effected in a few days.

C. E. Lange, of the Pastimes, and Bob Stoll, of the Staten Islands, are in training for the rope-climbing contest in the Union's gymnastic championships. Joe Harris, champion club-swinger, will enter in the club-swinging competitions.

The New York Suburban Shooting Grounds The New York Suburban Shooting Grounds Association will give its opening tournament for this year. Feb. 22 and 23, at its grounds in Claremont, N. J. The Team Sweepstakes are open to teams of five men each from any gun club which has been organized three months. A club may enter as many tams as it chooses, but no man will be allowed to shoot in more than one team of five. Special prizes will be given to amateurs.

Three young men in Anacostia, D. C., Harry W. La Verne, Archie R. Heiler and Maurice A. Lightell, have taken it into their heads to walk from Washington to San Francisco, and have written Richard K. Fox to know if he will give them a medal in case they accomplish the journey. They think it will take them about six months to cross the continent. . . .

The Pastime A. C., Staten Island A. C., Olympic A. C. and Jerrey City A. C. will have a joint cross-country run to-morrow, leaving Fort George at 10 A. M.

Joe Glassey's benefit, which was to take place on Feb. 4, has been postponed till Feb. 11.

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presented at the Casino, run for 153 nights.

Its vitality, therefore, seems pretty strong.

"The Old Homestead," at the Academy of Music, is as prosperons as ever. The management announce that seats can be secured ten weeks in advance, which is rather an unusual announcement. The box office, however, is kept busy all the time. The Wednesday matipaes are a great success, and will be continued during the remainder of the season. In June Bartholomew's Equine Paradox will come to the Academy for the Summer. Manager Comstock is already busying himself with preparations for its reception.

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A Syndicate contract with this Government to bring to a close within one year the war existing with England, at the close of the present century. A number of ships called "repelers" are equipped with cannon-proof smor, and several submarine vessels termed "orabe" are constructed. These crabs disable a number of English mon-di-war by tearing off their rudders and propellers with mechanical laws, while bombs of wonderful power discharged from the cannon-proof ships blow to stoms two Canadam forts and an alsandoned iron-side. A repeller accompanied by a fleet of crabs then suggest the British fleet in battle off the laie of Wight, and after having a number of their war-ships disabled by the crabs the British Admiral orders be fight discontinued. Notice is then given by the Syndicate that at an appointed time a fortified post would be destroyed, allowing the English inovernment to make their own selection. After several days' deliberation, the English select Carciaff, on the Welsh coast line to sat live the bombs is thus demonstrated, and the English acknowledge themselves helpless against such a destructive agent, and peace is declared.

INSTALMENT NO. 18.

WHEREIN THIS BEMARKABLE WAR IS DISCUSSED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES-IT IS DECIDED sitting near by. "What you are talking no alliance over new fangled inventions! assisting in the loading of coal on one of the THAT IT WAS NOT A WAR AT ALL-A MONUMENT IS ESECTED BY THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN TO THE ONLY MAN WHO WAS HILLED, AND HE DIED BY ACCIDENT !—THE END.

Throughout all classes in sympathy with | and the adoption by the two nations of the the Administrative parties of Great Britain means of prohibitive warfare. This public and the United States there was a feeling of sentiment acted even upon the opposition :

of things. But there were also men, still living, who deprecated the abolition of the old wooden seventy-four-gun ship.

A British artillery officer conversing with a member of the American Syndicate at a London club said to him:

" Do you know that you made a great mistake in the beginning of your operations with the motor guns? If you had contrived an attachment to the motor which should have of smoke at the moment of discharge it would have saved you a lot of money and time and trouble. The work of the motor on the Canadian coast was terrible enough, but people could see no connection between that and the guns on your vessels. If you could have sooner shown that connection you might have saved yourselves the trouble of crossing the Atlantic. And, to prove this, one of the most satisfactory points connected with your work on the Welsh coast was the jet smoke which came from the repeller every time she discharged a motor. If it had not been for those jets I believe there would be people now in the opposition who would swear that Caerdaff had been mined, and that the Min-

istry were a party to it." Your point is well taken." said the American, "and should it ever be necessary to discharge any more bombs-which I hope it may not be-we shall take care to show a visible and audible connection between cause and effect."

"The devil take it, sir!" cried an old captain of an English ship-of-the-line, who was about is not war! We might as well send out a Codfish Trust to settle national disputes. In the next sea fight we'll save ourselves the trouble of gnawing and crunching at the sterns of the enemy. We'll simply send a note aboard requesting the foreigner

the two countries felt bound to admit that bearer, which, if properly marked and num- popular and official congratulations which a monument to the memory of Hutchins, and the arts of war in which they had been edu- bered, will be returned to him on the con- were showered upon them, there was but one contributions came, not only from all parts gradual disarmament was now the policy of cated were things of the past. Of course clusion of peace. This would do just as well little cloud, one regret.



WHY, SIR, THIS IS NOT WAR AT ALL.

In the midst of the profound satisfaction ing of a derrick.

Waiter, fetch me some rum and hot water:" repellers, was accidentally killed by the fall-

Syndicate regarded the success of their labors | family of the unfortunate man; and through- considered money so well spent, and so much —labors slike profitable to themselves and to out the United States the occurrence octobe recently contending nations—and in the casioned a deep feeling of sympathetic regret. subilant elation on account of the alliance and the majority of army and navy officers in to be so good as to send us his rudder by gratified pride with which they received the A popular subscription was started to build

Some weeks after the conclusion of the first threatened to annoy the American Gov. | that would be required at sea. ernment, but it proved to be of little mo. ment. An anti-Administration paper in tions of the powers of the instantaneous Peakville, Ark., asserted that in the whole of motor-bomb. Hereafter, if battles must be the published treaty there was not one word fought, they would be battles of annhilation. in regard to the fisheries question, the complications arising from which had been the War. Whether or not the Anglo-American cause of the war. Other papers took up the Syndicate was ever called upon to make war matter, and the Government then discovered is not to be stated here. But certain it is that in drawing up the treaty the fisheries | that after the formation of this Syndicate all business had been entirely overlooked. There | the nations of the world began to teach was a good deal of surprise in official circles when this discovery was announced: but as it | Civilization raised her head with a confident was considered that the fisheries question was | smile. one which would take care of itself, or be readily disposed of in connection with a number of other minor points which remained to be settled between the two countries, it was decided to take no notice of the implied charge of neglect and to let the matter drop. And as the opposition party took no real in-

about it. Both countries were too well satisfied with the general result to waste time or discussion over small matters. Great Britain had lost ome forts and some ships, but these would have been comparatively useless in the new system of warfare. On the other hand, she had gained, not only the incalculable advanage of the alliance, but a magnificent and unsurpassed land-locked basin on the coast

terest in the question but little more was said

The United States had been obliged to pay an immense sum on account of the conwith which the members of the American War The Syndicate gave a generous sum to the tract with the War Syndicate, but this was less than an ordinary war would have cost, tion journals ever alluded to it.

Reduction of military and naval forces and of the United States, but from many persons the allied nations. Such forces and such there were members of the army and navy in both countries who deprecated the new state | I will not join you in a julep. I have made | life had been lost. Thomas Hutchins, while | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute to the man who had | erection of this tribute t fallen in the contest which had been of as tained A few field batteries of motor-guns much benefit to their country as to his own. | were all that would be needed on land, and a comparatively small number of armored treaty a public question was raised, which at | ships would suffice to carry the motor-guns

Now there would be no more mere exhibi-

This is the history of the Great Syndicate English in their schools, and the Spirit of



HE MONUMENT TO THOMAS HUTCHING, THE ONLY VICTIM OF THE MOST MARVELLOUS WAR THE WORLD EVER SAW.

[THE END.]